GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CROSS BORDER TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. President has again urged the Pakistan President on March 9, 2002 to end cross border terrorism; and

(b) if so, the Government`s reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Media reports attributed these remarks to an unnamed senior official of the U.S. Administration.U.S. President George Bush and senior Administration officials have, on a number of occasions, publicly called on Pakistan to end cross-border terrorism against India and take action against terrorist organisations based in Pakistan.

(b) Such statements support the clear evidence that exists on the ground that Pakistan continues its policy of sponsoring cross border terrorism in India. India has consistently maintained that there cannot be a selective and differentiated approach to terrorists and terrorism. Pakistan must take steps to end cross-border terrorism in India and act on the list of 20 fugitives sought by India.